Recruitment of Deputy Tahsildars.

*212 Q.—Mr. A. KONDAPPA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Deputy Tahsildars directly recruited from 1918 till the end of 1930;

(b) how many were recruited from the Tamil districts and how many from the Telugu districts;

(c) whether any Deputy Tahsildars were recruited from the Ceded districts, and if so, how many;

(d) how many applications were received from the Ceded districts during the period 1918 to 1930; and

(e) how many applicants coming from the agricultural or ryot population were recruited as Deputy Tahsildars during the same period?

A.—(a) 47.

(b) 24 were recruited from Tamil districts and 14 from Telugu districts.

(c) Yes. Two, in the year 1920.

(d) & (e) The Government have not the information.

Mr. A. KONDAPPA:—"With reference to the answer to clauses (d) and (e), may I request the hon. the Revenue Member to call for the information from the respective Collectors' offices and if it is not available there from the several tahsildars' offices?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I do not think the collection of this material is worth the trouble involved, as we will have to obtain information from a large number of applicants. Further, I am not clear as to the definition of the terms 'agricultural or ryot population'."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"With reference to answer to clause (c) I see only two candidates from the Ceded districts during the last eleven years have been chosen. In view of that inadequate number, may I request the Revenue Member to see that more candidates are chosen from these districts hereafter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I cannot say whether that number is adequate or not. But I shall see whether measures can be taken to ensure that the number of candidates chosen in future is distributed evenly throughout the Presidency."

Survey and Settlement

Proposed enhancement of land revenue in Malabar.

*213 Q.—Mr. R. M. PALAT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose a new settlement for the enhancement of land revenue in any part of Malabar; and

(b) whether, in this connexion, the Government have taken into consideration

(i) the fact that the interpretation of the proclamation of the 21st of July 1805 by Mr. Warden, Collector of Malabar, made on behalf of the Board of Revenue and the Government is that the Government has bound itself to a permanency of the proportion of the Government demand of the produce, and